GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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PROMOTION OF INTERNET
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage internet services in order to promote the information technology in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the big cities of Rajasthan proposed to be linked by an international gate-way-hub; and

(c) the time by which approval is likely to be accorded in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c): Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, has set up Internet nodes at all Secondary Switching Areas as well as district headquarters and connected them to the National Internet Backbone (NIB) in Rajasthan. The National Internet Backbone (NIB) has got international connectivity through VSNL International Gateway at Delhi, Bangalore, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Pune. No international gateway has been planned in Rajasthan.

In addition, in principle clearance has been given to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) for setting up of International Gateways for internet in Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Kota and Alwar.